

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A holding device for holding a plurality of ferromagnetic parts, said holding device comprising:

a holder defining a plurality of cavities within which the parts may be disposed, said cavities being spaced apart and arranged in a row; and

a bar movably mounted to the holder and disposed parallel to the row of the cavities, said bar including a plurality of spaced-apart magnetic bodies arranged in a row, said bar being movable in the direction of the row of the cavities between first and second positions, wherein when the parts are disposed in the cavities and the bar is in the first position, the magnetic bodies are aligned with the cavities and the magnetic attraction forces generated by the magnetic bodies hold the parts in the cavities, wherein when the parts are disposed in the cavities and the bar is in the second position, the magnetic bodies are not aligned with the cavities and the magnetic attraction forces generated by the magnetic bodies do not hold the parts in the cavities; and

an actuation structure, wherein an end portion of the bar is adapted to engage an the actuation structure to move the bar between the first and second positions.

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